

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARIO CHAVEZ-CHAVEZ,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD C. BARMANN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:25-cv-00865-KES-CDB

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO SEAL  
DOCUMENTS

(Doc. 4)

Clerk of the Court to Attach Redacted Civil  
Cover Sheet and to Lock Doc. 1-1

Pending before the Court is Defendant Bernard C. Barmann, Jr.'s notice and request to seal documents (Doc. 4), filed and emailed to the undersigned's chambers on July 28, 2025. Defendant represents that the document to be sealed (the civil cover sheet attached to the complaint, Doc. 1-1) contains the address of Defendant Barmann, who is a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Kern. (Doc. 4-1 at 2). Defendant seeks to file a redacted copy of the civil cover sheet to shield the address of Mr. Barmann. *Id.*, Ex. A.

The Court has considered the factors set forth in *Oregonian Publ'g Co. v. U.S. Dist. Court for Dist. of Or.*, 920 F.2d 1462 (9th Cir. 1990). The Court finds that sealing the document serves a compelling interest and that, in the absence of closure, the compelling interests would be harmed. The Court further finds that, as the document is already filed on the docket and Defendant has filed a redacted version (*see* Doc. 4-1, Ex. A), there are no additional alternatives to sealing the document that would adequately protect the compelling interests.

**Conclusion and Order**

Accordingly, pursuant to Local Rule 141 and based upon the representations contained in Defendant's notice and request, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the civil cover sheet attached to the complaint (Doc. 1-1) shall be SEALED until further order of this Court.

The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to attach to this order the redacted copy of the civil cover sheet included in Defendant's notice and request (Doc. 4-1, Ex. A).

The Clerk of the Court is FURTHER DIRECTED to lock and make inaccessible to all CM/ECF users the civil cover sheet (Doc. 1-1).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **August 5, 2025**

  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE